

HOUSE BILL 718

By Tindell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 49; Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 50; Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 7 and Title 67, relative to economic activities and programs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 50, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 4-3-5007.

(a) The executive director, in conjunction with the commissioner of economic and community development, shall establish a film production advisory committee to study film production in Tennessee.

(b) The advisory committee shall be composed of seven (7) members, to include the executive director, the commissioner of economic and community development, the commissioner of tourism, two (2) members representing the motion picture industry, one (1) member representing the television movie and series production industry and one (1) member representing short film makers. Such industry members shall be appointed by the governor. The executive director of the Tennessee film, entertainment and music commission shall serve as chair and shall convene the first meeting of the advisory committee prior to September 1, 2007.

(c) The advisory committee shall study film production in Tennessee, with a general focus on the following issues:

(1) Implementation of the Visual Content Act of 2006;

(2) Overall film production opportunities currently available in Tennessee to the motion picture industry, short film makers and television movie and series producers, including a survey of existing resources available to such industries;

(3) The use of tax and other incentives to enhance film production opportunities available in Tennessee to the motion picture industry, short film makers and television movie and series producers, including an examination of the types of incentives offered in neighboring states and throughout the country; and

(4) The current, and potential, economic impact of the film production industry in Tennessee.

(d) Upon request, the advisory committee shall be assisted by appropriate agencies of state government. From funds available to the advisory committee, the advisory committee may seek such outside council as necessary to assist in the duties of the advisory committee.

(e) The advisory committee shall present its findings, recommendations and any proposed legislative changes to the governor, speaker of the senate, speaker of the house of representatives and the chairs of the senate and house finance, ways and means committee by March 1, 2008.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.